

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 29, 2006***

The meeting was called to order at 6:54pm. Selectmen present were: Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Wes Moore. Others present were Fran Lane, Reuben Hull, and Bill Tebo.

The correspondence from Perry Silverstein to Larry Shaw, Building Inspector was read along with Larry's response to the Selectmen.

At 7:00pm went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:III. At 7:30pm the meeting went back into a public session.

The Dispatch Contract with Newmarket was signed and Nancy was asked to send it to Al Dixon along with a request for an invoice for the first six months of the contract.

With regard to the Hackett property a letter stating that if a Current Use Application for ten contiguous acres is completed and returned to the Town Clerk within thirty days, the Current Use Change Tax Penalty will be voided.

Wes feels the value on that particular piece of land is too high and that the Current Use Change Tax should not be charged at all. James remarked that if the Hacketts feel the property valuation is incorrect, they can file for an abatement.

Reuben Hull came in to update the Selectmen on the ADA ramp for the front of the Town Hall. The ramp will not be installed in time for the New Hampshire Primary, but will be completed by November, 2006. The ramp will be wood instead of brick as using brick would require that the entire front lawn be removed. It was decided to use black pipe for the railing. Reuben will obtain several estimates for the job and will give the estimates to the Selectmen at a future meeting. He will also give an updated rendering of the ramp including the changes the Selectmen asked for.

James asked Reuben for the prices to fix the water runoff area on High Rock Lane. Reuben stated that he and the Road Agent have been tied up with other emergency issues, but will have the prices for the Selectmen soon.

Reuben advised that Overlook Drive is ready for Conditional Acceptance, but the Town still needs to have a written policy for Conditional and Final Acceptance of roads.

The Building Facilities Committee has not met recently, but Maureen Smith has contacted each of the members about attending a meeting soon. At this time, the Committee feels that the Town is about 8,000 square feet short of space, but

empty space in Town is included in that figure. Reuben will send the information he has to all of the committee members for their comments before submitting the final report to the Selectmen.

Bill Tebo informed the Selectmen that the signs are up on the bridge dedicating it to Submariners. He is planning a celebration for mid-October and hopes to have several speakers, color guard, ministers, have a bell toll for lost boats, someone to play taps, and a wreath laying.

Wes asked how this was being paid and Bill said he is looking for donations from Newfields and Stratham. The band alone will cost between \$600. and \$1,000. and the submarine organization does not have enough funds to pay for the entire celebration. The Selectmen will see what is available in the Celebration Fund and Wes suggested Bill speak with the Stratham Board of Selectmen to solicit a donation from them. Wes also thought that private individuals would make contributions to this cause. He will help Bill in an unofficial capacity.

Wes asked if there were any remaining survivors of the Squalas. Bill said one survivor remains and will be invited to the ceremony at the request of Wes.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association is looking for a delegate to attend the meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Janet will represent the Town at the meeting.

Checks were signed, the MS-5, four Town Hall Rental Applications, and the MS-1 were also signed. It was noted from the information on the MS-1 that Elderly Exemptions cost the Town between \$53,817. in taxes per year.

The Auditor's remarks on the 2005 Fiscal Year Audit were reviewed along with the NHRS new contribution rates, correspondence from Lane Law, the Minutes of the Court Consolidation, and the FEMA reimbursement for flood damage. The letter regarding Pre-Disaster Mitigation will be given to the Emergency Management Department.

A date has been set to inspect a property to determine whether or not it is a potential junkyard. The property owner will be in attendance for the inspection.

Nancy was asked to contact the members of the Budget Advisory Committee about attending next week's Selectmen's Meeting.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund will be meeting with the Selectmen next week, but provided a copy of their reply to the Department of Revenue Administration regarding various trust funds that the Town holds.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting. Changes were made to the minutes after discussion between James and Janet. Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes advised the Selectmen that Jeff Feenstra has joined the cable committee.

James asked Nancy to give a copy of the invoice from the McLane Law firm to the Conservation Committee.

A list of potential Warrants Articles for the 2007 Election will be started.

The Selectmen went into a non-public session at 9:15pm per RSA 91-A-3II.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer